

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Manabu HONMA, et al. CONF No.: 9917
U.S. Serial No. : 10/576,940
Group Art Unit : 1792
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Examiner : Satish Chandra
For : PROCESSING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2009. A response was due September 9, 2009 and so a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time accompanies this response to extend the period for reply to October 9, 2009. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 5.